

House Resolution 2170

By: Representative Hudson of the 124th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Kate Finch upon her election as president of the Georgia
2 Retired Educators Association; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Kate Finch has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that she has played in the teaching profession and her deep personal commitment
5 to the education of the students of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a certified gifted teacher, Mrs. Finch earned a bachelor's degree in home
7 economics, a master's degree in learning disabilities, and a specialist's degree in learning
8 disabilities; and

9 WHEREAS, she dedicated 26 years to the field of education, serving as a health teacher for
10 middle grades for three years and teaching language arts and literature for gifted students and
11 reading to students with learning disabilities for 23 years; and

12 WHEREAS, this dedicated educator was committed to enriching the lives of her students
13 both inside the classroom and out, serving as advisor to the Junior Beta Club, coach for
14 middle and high school academic bowl teams, advisor to high school yearbook staffs, and
15 coach of the high school debate team and cheerleading squad; and

16 WHEREAS, Mrs. Finch served as president of the Oglethorpe County Unit of the Georgia
17 Retired Educators Association (GREA) from 2005 to 2007 and served as GREA's Area XVII
18 director prior to being elected as GREA president; and

19 WHEREAS, she has been united in love and marriage to Aubrey Finch, a retired high school
20 principal, for 51 wonderful years, and they have been blessed with four remarkable children,
21 Bob, Bill, Kathy, and Jim; and

22 WHEREAS, the proud mother of three educators and an attorney, Mrs. Finch is the
23 grandmother of ten amazing grandchildren and two delightful great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Finch is an active member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society
25 International, Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority, Tuckson United Methodist Church,
26 Athens-Elbert District United Methodist Women, Fastbreak Club, and the American Cancer
27 Society's Relay for Life program; and

28 WHEREAS, in recognition of her contributions to the students in this state, it is abundantly
29 fitting and proper for this body to honor the extraordinary commitment and accomplishments
30 of this outstanding individual.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
32 the members of this body heartily and gratefully commend Mrs. Kate Finch for her decades
33 of sacrifice, foresight, accomplishment, and contributions on behalf of education in Georgia;
34 recognize the positive influence she has had upon the lives and futures of countless young
35 people in this state; and congratulate her upon her election as president of the Georgia
36 Retired Educators Association.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
38 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Kate Finch.